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Child Sexual Abuse
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of sexual abuse against children are increasing in the country in recent years;
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases reported and the action taken thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(c) whether the Government has launched an online complaint box namely the POCSO e-Box for reporting child sexual abuse in the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of complaints received by the e-Box so far and the action taken thereon; and
(e) the measures taken by the Government to generate awareness about the online complaint box and keeping confidentiality of the complainant?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)
(a) & (b): As per Crime in India 2014 and 2015 compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the number of cases reported under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act,2012 (POCSO) were 8904 and 14913 during 2014 and 2015 respectively .The State/UT wise details are as annexed.
(c) to (e) : POCSO e-box was launched on 26th August 2016 for direct online reporting of child sexual abuse cases to National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). During the period from 26.08.2016 to 11.11.2016, NCPCR has received 107 hits on POCSO e-box. Out of which 10 cases of POCSO related complaints have been received on e-box. For awareness generation about the POCSO e box several initiatives have been taken including advertisements on TV, Radio and print media. In addition to this letters have been sent to all Chief Ministers / Chief Secretaries / DGPs / State Education Secretaries /SCPCRs/ Education Boards on POCSO e-box.

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